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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PLO, UNGA, XF
SUBJ: ARAFAT PARTY AT UNGA

REF: USUN 4912

1. NABIL SHAATH INFORMED MISOFF, SECRET-SERVICE AND NYPD
REPS THAT ARAFAT TOLD SHAATH EVENING NOV 10 THAT HE WILL
PROBABLY ARRIVE EARLY MORNING NOV 13. ARAFAT PREFERS TO MOVE
FROM JFK TO UN BY HELICOPTER AND REMAIN IN UN BUILDING
THROUGHOUT DAY, PROBABLY WITH DEPARTURE FROM U.S. EVENING SAME
DAY.

2. SHAATH SAID ARAFAT PROBABLY WILL ARRIVE ON EGYPTIAN, OR
PERHAPS ALGERIAN, CIVIL AIRLINER. SHAATH TOLD BY SECRET
SERVICE THAT HELICOPTER OPTION IS OPEN, GIVEN SUITABLE WEATHER,
AT LEAST FOR ARAFAT AND FOUR OF HIS SECURITY MEN. SHAATH WILL
DISCUSS WITH UN SECRETARIAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLACE TO
REST AND FEED ARAFAT AND PARTY DURING DAY NOV 13. WALDORF
OPTION FOR ARAFAT REMAINS OPEN, ACCORDING SHAATH, AS
DOES "MINIMAL POSSIBILITY" THAT ARAFAT MAY STAY FOR
FRANGIE'S SPEECH NOV 14. SHAATH SAID ALL CONTACTS WITH
ARAFAT, EVEN FOR PLO DEL, WILL BE THROUGH SALAMEH (ABU
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3. FOR CAIRO AND BEIRUT: RE COMPOSITION ARAFAT PARTY,
CONFLICT BETWEEN NUMBERS ON LIST AND THEIR NAMES REPORTED
BEIRUT 13454 AND LIST PROVIDED BY UN, REPORTED USUN 4904,
PROBABLY BEST RESOLVED BY POSTS ASKING SALAMEH HIMSELF
DO SO. PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT SECRET SERVICE AND NYPD
BE ABLE IDENTIFY SALAMEH AND OTHER SECURITY MEN BY NAME
PRIOR ARRIVAL. SHAATH SUSPECTS THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
17 ON UNSEC LIST AND 12 ON LIST GIVEN EMBASSY BEIRUT DUE
TO SALAMEH'S PLAN HAVE 4 OR 5 PLO SECURITY MEN REMAIN
ON PLANE AT JFK. PERHAPS SALAMEH CAN CLARIFY THIS POINT
AS WELL PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR NY.

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